

Reply to Advisory Action of May 12, 2006
Amendment Dated: May 19, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 16-19, 38-41, 45-49, 53-56, 59-63, 72-74 were rejected and claims 6-15, 20-23, 42-44, 50-52, 57, 58, 64-71 and 75-77 were objected to as being depending from rejected claims. In response, claims 5-6, 17-20, 39-42, 45-52, 54-57, 62-64, and 73-75 are sought to be canceled, and claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 16, 21, 27, 30-34, 38, 43-44, 53, 58-59, 69, 72 and 76 are sought to be amended. The amendments are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Thus, claims 1-4, 7-16, 21-38, 43-44, 53, 58-61, 65-72, 76-78 are presented for reconsideration, further in view of the below remarks.

Independent claim 1 is sought to be amended to include elements of previously allowed claim 6 and the only intervening claim 5.

Independent claim 16 is sought to be amended to include elements of previously allowed claim 20 and the intervening claims 17 and 19.

Independent claim 38 is sought to be amended to include elements of previously allowed claim 42 and intervening claims 39 and 41.

Independent claim 53 is sought to be amended to include elements of previously allowed claim 57 and intervening claims 54 and 56.

Independent claim 59 is sought to be amended to include elements of previously allowed claim 64 and intervening claims 62 and 63.

Independent claim 72 is sought to be amended to include elements of previously allowed claim 75 and intervening claim 73.

Thus all independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. All the dependent claims are allowable at least as depending from an allowable base claim.

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25 Thus, all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome, and the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that this application be passed to issuance as a patent. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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